

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 403

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Akins of West Wilson Middle School on his selection as Wilson County Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, David Akins of West Wilson Middle School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akins has recently been selected the ninth recipient of the Wilson County Teacher of the Year award, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, in accepting this prestigious award, David Akins publicly thanked his father for providing him with the work ethic which he practices every day in his profession and which he endeavors to instill in each of his students; of course, David's father is quite proud of his son and his contributions to society as an educator; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, he remains an avid fan of the Vols football juggernaut; he also holds a master's degree in education from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, David Akins is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akins presently serves with acumen and alacrity as a math and science teacher at West Wilson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to cultivating the intellects of his young charges, he also contributes to their physical development through his meritorious service as the head coach of

the Wolves boys' soccer and wrestling teams and an assistant coach for the Wolves football team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akins strongly believes that it is important to teach young people to think independently, and he is exceptionally proud of all of his students and student-athletes and their many accomplishments, both in the classroom and on the playing field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akins truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Akins is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife and fellow teacher, Connie, and their two children, Ashley and Collin; and

WHEREAS, he gives back to his community through his involvement with Big Brothers, the United Way, and other civic and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, David Akins truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate David Akins of West Wilson Middle School on being selected Wilson County Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.